

# POLLUTION REPORT



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POLREP NO: 8

DATE: 10/28/88

Site Name: Oakland Avenue  
Subject: Removal Action  
Location: Site #92  
Nashua, New Hampshire

Pollutant: Asbestos  
Occurrence Date: 1960's  
Environmental Media affected: Land, water, air  
Severity: Potentially - Major  
Quantity Discharged: Unknown  
Category: Major  
Source: Dumping of asbestos waste materials by John-Manville  
OSC: Paul R. Groulx - U.S. EPA Region 1  
Latest POLREP: POLREP 7 - February 02, 1988

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## I. Background:

The Oakland Avenue asbestos waste site is located in Nashua, New Hampshire. The site is located on tax map # 109, lot #41, 47, 48 and 36. This is a vacant lot (1 acre), surrounded by a residential neighborhood. The major portion of the site is city owned property. The lot is between the dead ends of Oakland Avenue, approximately one mile from the center of downtown Nashua, New Hampshire.

The site is surrounded by deep fill slopes and a wetland associated with the Salmon Brook, located approximately 100 yards to the north. The face of the fill slope is comprised of asbestos waste materials, visible on the surface and along the slope. Sheet scraps protrudes from the slope, with large, nearly full size sheets visible along the top edge of the slope. A rusted 55 gallon drum half buried, contains white friable baghouse waste. Other slopes nearby appear clear of asbestos, although solid waste debris is present. Asbestos board sheets are being used as a fence and patio-type walkway on the abutting property to the east of the site.

A path, which crosses the site, connecting the two dead ends of Oakland Avenue is used by children and area residents utilizing the path as a short-cut. There are warning signs posted in the area.

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**HISTORY:**

- Mar 13, 1987 - ASTDR Health Assessment issued.
- Mar 17, 1987 - Notice letters sent to property owners.
- Mar 23, 1987 - Action Memorandum obligating \$200,000.
- Mar 30, 1987 - Draft IAG with U.S. ACE submitted for review.
- May 01, 1987 - IAG submitted and approved by U.S. ACE.  
DW 96-932482-01-0 (4/1/87-6/1/88)
- Jun 12, 1987 - Preliminary conceptual design completed.
- Jun 16, 1987 - OSC met with state of New Hampshire  
officials to review conceptual plans.
- Jun 24, 1987 - OSC submits conceptual plans for city  
review.
- Jun 25, 1987 - OSC submits comments to US ACE for final  
plans.
- Jul 05, 1987 - OSC conducts informational meeting with  
area residents.
- Jul 14, 1987 - meeting between the US EPA and US ACE to  
review plans for 95% completion of design &  
specifications.
- Jul 31, 1987 - US ACE to commence soliciting bids  
for contractors.
- Sep 02, 1987 - Contractor bids due.

As a consequence of the cost of the first bids recieved, which were substantially above the US ACE estimates and the US EPA funding, as well as the low number of bidders participating. No contracts were awarded for asbestos abatement work at that time.

After the failure of the first bid procedure, The US EPA in consultation with the US ACE, decided to extend the IAGs completion date from December 1987 to September 1988, resolicit and rebid the three asbestos abatement projects and award a contract for the asbestos abatement work in the early spring of 1988. The US ACE reconstituted the bid packages to interested contractors on April 5, 1988.

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The results of the bid opening were that four contractors submitted bids on the project; however, two of the contractors were disqualified due to noncompliance with the US ACE bidding procedures. Of the two qualified bids, the lowest bid to perform the asbestos abatement work on the sites was twice the obligated budget for these projects. To award the contract, the US ACE requires the bid amount plus five percent, which requires an additional combined sum for the three sites of \$757,200 to be obligated by the US EPA into the IAGs.

Due to budget restraints, the US EPA Region I Removal Program at that time did not have the funding resources to contribute this additional money to the IAGs in order to enable the US ACE to award a contract for these project.

## II. Action

- 09/15/88 - Action Memorandum ceiling increase request for \$200,000 signed by Regional Administrator.
- 09/16/88 - Amendment -02 IAG with the US ACE signed, extending the project/budget period ending 8/30/89 and an increase in funding.  
(DW96-932482-01-2)
- 09/23/88 - OSC met with city of Nashua officials to discuss the city's willingness to accept at no cost any removed asbestos waste during the asbestos removal, at its sanitary landfill which is state approved for asbestos disposal.

## III. Future

- 09/27/88 - The OSC receives letter from the city of Nashua on specifications for the acceptance of asbestos, at no charge, at the city owned landfill.
- 10/13/88 - The US ACE is sent the specification requirements to be included in the new bid package, regarding (no fee) disposal at the city of Nashua landfill.

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#### IV. Funding Status

US EPA obligated an additional \$200,000 to this site, increasing the TOTAL PROJECT CEILING to \$400,000.

#### Financial Data:

Document	Account Number	Dollar Amount	Cost Allocation
Control Number			
Z30003	7QFA1ANE92	\$120,000	US ACE
ER0030	8TFA1ANE92	\$200,000	US ACE
		\$ 50,000	TAT
		\$ 20,000	Intramural
		\$ 10,000	FEMA
TOTAL PROJECT CEILING		\$400,000	

CASE PENDING:

  
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Paul R. Groulx, On Scene Coordinator

October 26, 1988  
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Date

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